



**Student Services Building, Room 254
College of Marin-Kentfield Campus
835 College Ave, Kentfield, CA 94904
ASCOM Meeting**

Minutes

**April 18, 2025
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

- a. Order of Business Call to Order: 12:01
- b. Roll Call:

| OFFICERS | PRESENT | ABSENT |
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| PRESIDENT RYLI BOWEN | | X |
| VICE PRESIDENT EMILY CARDWELL | X | |
| STUDENT TRUSTEE EMELIA NACOS | X | |
| SECRETARY KAVEH MANSHOURI | X | |
| TREASURER KATHERINE HSI AW | X | |
| SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY LARA BISHOP | X | |
| SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES FARHAN KHALIQ Proxy: Gio | X | |
| SENATOR – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES JORGE CHAN | X | |
| SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING ARTHUR HU | X | |
| SENATOR – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING CECILIA CHAN | X – Tardy 12:15pm | |

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| STATE STUDENT SENATE REP. GIOVANNI CARBONARO | x | |
| ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE VACANT (NON-VOTING MEMBER) | N/A | |

ASCOM ADVISOR: SADIKA SULAIMAN HARA AND TEA PERALES

AUXILIARY MEMBERS: Luca Magalhaes

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC: Paul Cheney, Liz, Sarah Frye.

c. Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion to add an item between d and e "Discussion of Caring Campus Presentation, presentation by Alyssa Graff":Kaveh, Emelia

Motion to adopt agenda: Kaveh, Emelia.

d. Approval of the Minutes: Motion: Lara, Jorge

e. Public Comment

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Sarah Frye: The May 1st walkout. The specific item is on the agenda but I just wanted to voice my support before I have to leave as I unfortunately can not stick around for the discussion of the agenda. I just wanted to give the rough procession of the walkout. The walkout will be a 20 minute rally followed by a 30 minute march down along the creek.

No further comments

I. New Business (Actions May Be Taken) motion:

- a. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$10,000.00 from acct.#5200.10 (Rep fee) to cover expenses for General Assembly 2025. Reimburse MCCD Sadika/ASCOM P-Card. PRs to follow. Presentation by Sadika, ASCOM Co-Advisor.
Motion to discuss: Arthur, Lara.

Sadika: Thanks, Emily. Good morning, everyone. I was looking for the agenda item that approved the funds for GA. I couldn't find it. So I put this item on here just to ensure that all of the flights, lodging, transportation, and meals, everything gets covered. So this is really just making sure that GA. gets paid for, and credit cards are all reconciled.

Motion to vote: Emilia, Lara.

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PASSES

- b. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$120.00 from acct. #7200 (Intrafund Club) to transfer to Audubon Nature Conservation Club for teambuilding outing. PRs to follow.

Presentation by Sonya Suzuki

Sadika: I can present for her. Okay, Sonya and I have been in conversation. They have been putting together quite a few different outings for their group, and this was one of them. They want to have a meal together as a club. And so this this an item is to cover that, and I think they've already asked for their nets and other supplies like binoculars and such. So this is just an additional request. They have \$0 in their account right now. So this would be able to cover the team building activity.

Motion to vote: Kaveh, Jorge.

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PASSES

- c. Discussion/action to approve NTE \$50.00 from acct.#5650-03 (Tax forms) for ASCOM taxes. PRs to follow. Presentation by Sadika, ASCOM Co-Advisor.

Motion to discuss: Lara, Jorge.

Sadika: Tax season is here, y'all are a nonprofit organization. So you are required to pay taxes. This is the form to the Secretary of State that goes in every year. So this \$50 covers that form, and the cost for the shipping of the form.

Motion to vote: Arthur, Lara

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PASSES

- d. Discussion/action to support May 1st campus walkout. Presentation by Paul Cheney.
Motion to discuss: Lara, Jorge

Paul: I know someone already spoke, and I don't want to take too much time, but I want to speak in support of the walkout and the idea of the college coming together to take action. What the librarians are doing is great, but I think it's important we, as an organization, also make a statement. Historically, change happens when people unite and act—and I believe now is that moment. We're seeing the rise of fascism globally, with people being detained without due process and institutions like libraries and museums being destroyed. The Trump administration has openly talked about targeting education, including community colleges like ours, which they view as too liberal. We're standing for diversity and civil rights, and I believe we need to take a stand now.

Emily: Being able to come together is really powerful, people care and their opinion matters. Our president (Trump) has a fragile ego. People are going to do something. We owe it to our government and speak up. It is empowering.

Arthur: Elane, a student from the group organizing the walkout, sent an email a couple days ago encouraging people to not organize a walkout as it could draw negative attention to the college. They emphasized the importance of protecting our vulnerable students, especially the undocumented ones, and be considerate of the impact our actions could have on the college community.

Motion to extend the time: Gio, Jorge.

Motion Passes

Liz: I am concerned, too. I've seen so many people getting their visa revoked, etc, but I cannot speak for everyone. Also, I just don't think we're gonna get the publicity that Harvard, Columbia and etc. So I think we are just standing for ourselves and showing our community around us where we stand on what is going on in our country. You know that we are not just sitting ducks.

Arthur: Well that idea is fundamentally contradictory because the point of a walkout is to get attention. But if we succeed in getting attention then what happens?

Sadika: Point of order, Emily need to call on people to speak.

Arthur: Can I speak Emily?

Emily: Yeah.

Arthur: Anyways, for Emily's point about not everyone has to participate, even if folks choose not to participate they could still be impacted if ICE agents come on campus. In my opinion, even if one student gets targeted by ICE as a result of this action, it is absolutely unacceptable.

Emily: Are there any other board members who feel strongly about this new perspective?

Gio: What if we found a middle ground, maybe not associate the college (college administration) with this, and walkout with masks, so we could still support this while protecting our students.

Emily: I think that is a good point. We can also spread a "Know Your Rights" in terms of protesting. One point has been the Harvard retaliation. Many people from Harvard feel that even though they've been hit with a funding cut, standing up for what is right is still fundamentally more important. I saw a hand?

Unknown: Hi, so what was your name (Gio). So there was a point Gio raised about not wanting to diminish the college's image to the current administration. A lot of financial hits we could take from that. Many college that hosted walkouts have done it under the guise of groups and not the college itself. We could work with groups like Puente and remove the association from the college and instead associate it with neutral parties.

Emily: Okay thank you, because of time constraints, lets move to vote. To me it feels like we are supporting the publication of the walkout and say that we support the walkout. We could put out information surrounding this with protest rights, even know your rights information regarding disinformation. Ok last comment?

Liz: So regarding your rights, we are planning to do a workshop. We are checking in with that and we are doing that before the walkout.

Motion to vote: Arthur, Kaveh.

Raise of hands

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PASSES

- e. Discussion of Caring Campus Presentation, presentation by Alyssa Graff.

Motion to table: Kaveh, Lara

- f. Discussion on Equity Video. Presentation by Tea Perales, Equity and Activities coordinator/ASCOM co-advisor.

Motion to discuss: Arthur, Lara.

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Tea: We all have our *unique* personal beliefs and how to be in solidarity with folks, so I think this video hopefully offers you how to be a community when people have different ideas about how to be in solidarity. I have a video by Adrienne Marie Brown, an author educator, activist. Equity is important because society is unfair.

video plays

Tea: Any thoughts or reflections on the video.

Emily: People are making the best decisions with their unique perspective and the information they have. We should understand when others come to different conclusions.

Kaveh: Feeding into what Emily just said. I've been a fan of conversation over argumentation. Listen to people and try to work together instead of tearing others down. When arguments occur it becomes a battle of egos. Meaningful conversation encourage concrete action.

Tea: How can we relate this video to how we show up as leaders here on campus?

Gio: Supporting people who are not feeling supported.

Kaveh: Just like providing visibility in general, just sort of echoing with Gio saying, even like having that item on the agenda today, whether we had voted to help them or not. Even just putting them on the agenda is one step to like. There's still visibility, and it's like, even if, as the board, we decide, we didn't agree with that it still grants them a platform and a voice.

- h. Discussion about upcoming events. Presentation by all board members.

Motion to discuss: Gio, Jorge.

Emily: Earth day event is on Monday. Please make sure to bring e-waste or old clothes. We will have a clothing swap. Word of mouth is important to get people to participate.

Gio: we are going to be working in tandem with the counseling office. The event will be bigger as a result of it. Emily, did you get that email?

Kaveh: AAPI poster is sent for printing and finalized. We met with HAP again so we are on the same page. There will be some cool books too from the library.

Tea: AAPI, Earth Day, and Scholarship posters are ready to be picked up.

II. Standing Business (Actions May NOT Be Taken)

Officer Reports: Motion to discuss: Jorge, Lara.

- i. PRESIDENT REPORT: Hey, I don't have much to report today. Just that I'm planning Kudos corner right now with Sadika, and we'll probably send out details for that early next week. I attended all my office hours, excited to attend Earth Day next Monday and spring fling on Wednesday. I'll be back at meetings next Friday, but I will be virtual next week.
- ii. VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Personally, I've been working on the Earth day, had ICclast week, which was great, as always. I've been having some health stuff recently, a little under the weather. so I attended my office hours. I've been home more than usual. so just remember to reach out if anything slipped through the cracks because I haven't been running on all cylinders. End of report.
- iii. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT: End of every year they can recommend to the role of student trustee and the board can grant privileges. Board talked about having student trustees serve on sub committees. You get paid more if you get sworn in for longer. This could potentially affect that role. I've been focusing on school work and waiting for UC results.
- iv. SECRETARY REPORT: This week I met with AAPI, did my office hours, otherwise same as Emelia just waiting for Berkeley decisions today that's all.
- v. TREASURER REPORT: So I did my office hours, participated in the course fest.
- vi. SENATOR – TECHNOLOGY: Hello, I attended my office hours, posting on instagram.
- vii. SENATORS (2) – STUDENT ACTIVITIES & SERVICES REPORT: Jorge: this week was a pretty slow week. We finalized the AAPI event details. Kaveh has done a great job. aside from that I've been focusing on school and waiting for UCs. Farhan: in Myanmar for my cousin's wedding. Out of country at the moment.
- viii. SENATORS (2) – PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING REPORT: Cecilia: Completed my office hours, working with co lead for earth day. Feeling pretty solid. Arthur: Attended office hours, attended course fest, worked to finalize AAPI poster and the ASCOM financial award poster.
- ix. STATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Working and attended office hours.
- x. ESCOM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:
- xi. ASCOM ADVISORS REPORT:
Tea: congrats to newly elected board members. good job on the agenda items today. Wednesday all the posters are ready to go. Women of color cafe coming up. On the

blue couch there are snacks and drinks. COMchella on Wednesday. LEAP is happening next Friday. Still accepting applications for that through the weekend. Notifying people who have been selected. Period evaluation just around the corner. Good opportunities for self-reflection and stipends are also determined from what your peers say about you. Just a reminder to keep up with emails. Remember the policy about tardiness, absences, etc. Transition binder due at the end of the semester, talk about what your role is for the person coming after you. In your office hours, work on something ASCOM related like the transition binder. Finally for those of you who are waiting for colleges. Even if you didn't get desired results that is not an indication of failure. We are proud of you either way. Me and Sadika that will always be here for you. Proud of you for making it to this point and let us know what you need.

Sadika: Might be lots of emotions today because the UC acceptance/denial letters are coming out, we are proud of you regardless. Keep that at heart. Kudos corner on the 28th. All on zoom. People who are watching should be attentive and stuff. Good job on the convo this morning and a powerful way to handle a complex situation.

Announcements on the winning candidates. Still some vacant positions.

Committee Reports:

- i. COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT:
- ii. GOVERNANCE REVIEW COUNCIL:
- iii. PLANNING AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE:
- iv. EDUCATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- v. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- vi. INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE:
- vii. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE:
- viii. GUIDANCE, RESOURCES, INTEGRATION, TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE:
- ix. TECHNOLOGY PLANNING COMMITTEE:
- x. INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & ACTION COMMITTEE
- xi. COMMUNITY HOUR COMMITTEE:
- xii. CITIZENS BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: Met on Wednesday to approve some bond measure.

III. Communications from the Floor

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II. Adjournment: at 12:56, Motion: Arthur, Gio.

RYLI BOWEN

ASCOM President



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